



## Eagle Ridge Academy Safe Learning Plan 2022-23

On May 10, 2022, the Eagle Ridge Academy Board of Directors held a Special Board Meeting to discuss and update Eagle Ridge Academy's COVID-19 restrictions. The Board voted to:

1. Give all people who enter Eagle Ridge Academy the option to mask.
2. Require staff and students who are symptomatic or have a confirmed positive COVID-19 test to stay home. This is in line with how we address the flu, colds, and other illnesses. In the case of a positive COVID-19 test, the individual will stay home for five days, then mask for five days when at school. This is in line with current CDC recommendations.
3. Not require the household members of a person with a positive COVID-19 test to quarantine.
4. Continue with our enhanced cleaning schedule.
5. Continue to use an enhanced HVAC system.
6. Encourage individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or have any other contagious illness to report to the school nurse so we may track the data.

Every decision has pros and cons. ERA believed that the restrictive measures put in place over the past two years were worth the disruption to the educational environment because of the possible severe health and safety ramifications to our community. The significant reduction in health risk now allows us to greatly decrease these restrictive procedures so that we may offer the highest quality Classical education.

Every Thursday, the COVID-19 Incident Team will continue to monitor the positive Covid-19 case rate onsite. If there is a significant increase in onsite positive cases, the Covid-19 Incident Team may recommend increased restrictions. We appreciate the input that we have received from families and staff, and we ask for further support by staying home if you have symptoms. The reduced restrictions only work if we reduce onsite spread.

### Masking

- Masking is optional for all throughout Eagle Ridge Academy.

### Physical Distancing

- In accordance with the CDC guidelines, physical distancing is no longer required.

### Hygiene and Healthy Behaviors

- Wash hands often throughout the day with soap and water.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.



- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces with EPA-registered disinfectant.
- Students who are ill must stay home if COVID-19 symptoms are present or if they test positive for COVID-19. See Board guidelines.
- Staff who are ill must stay home if COVID-19 symptoms are present or if they test positive for COVID-19. See Board guidelines.
- Anyone who has COVID-like symptoms and is awaiting test results must stay home.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home if fever (100°F or higher) or other symptoms of COVID-19 are present
  - Additional symptoms of COVID-19 include:
    - New onset cough or a cough that gets worse
    - Difficulty/hard time breathing
    - New loss of taste or smell
    - OR at least 2 of the following:
      - chills
      - muscle pain
      - sore throat
      - extreme fatigue/feeling very tired
      - new severe/very bad headache
      - new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose
      - gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea

### **Maintaining a Safe Environment**

- ERA will provide appropriate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (such as soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, tissues).
- ERA staff will reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol by staff and older students.
- ERA staff will reinforce hand washing during key times, such as:
  - arrival and dismissal
  - before, during, and after preparing or eating food
  - after using the bathroom
  - after blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing
  - after touching objects with bare hands that have been handled by other people

### **Quarantine**

- In accordance with the CDC guidelines, persons with a positive COVID-19 test must quarantine for five days from the onset of symptoms or the first positive COVID-19 test. They may return to school after five days then must mask when around others for a total of ten days from the onset of symptoms or the first positive COVID-19 test.



- The school nurse is the identified point of contact (COVID-19 Program Coordinator) at ERA for COVID concerns.
- The program coordinator, program lead, coach, or support staff will be the identified point of contact for programming outside of the regular school day/year.
- Staff and students are encouraged to self-monitor symptoms throughout the day and immediately report any symptoms to the school nurse or program staff.
- If a student becomes injured or ill during the school day, staff will notify the school nurse.
- The school nurse may come to the classroom to assist the child and/or determine if they need to go home.
- Students who are ill will be kept isolated from well students in a designated isolation space/area until a parent can pick them up.

### **Testing Recommendations**

- Please test your child for COVID-19 if they are showing COVID-19 symptoms.
- To find a no-barrier community testing site, click [here](#).
- To find testing sites based on specific search criteria, click [here](#).
- To find a test kit to use at home, click [here](#).

### **Facility Cleaning and Maintenance**

#### **Classroom Cleaning Protocols**

- Empty all trash and recycling containers.
- Sweep and vacuum the floors and rugs.
- Disinfect tables, desktops, and chairs with EPA-registered disinfectant/cleaner.
- Disinfect all light switches, pencil sharpeners, door handles, and other identifiable high-touch areas with EPA-registered disinfectant/cleaner.

#### **Common Area Cleaning Protocols**

- Sweep and scrub all hallways.
- Empty all trash and recycling containers.
- Clean and disinfect all entryway doors.
- Disinfect all stair railings, door handles, and other identifiable high-touch areas.
- Clean and disinfect all drinking fountains and water bottle refilling stations with EPA-registered disinfectant.

#### **Restroom Cleaning Protocols**

- Empty trash receptacles.
- Fill all tissue, towel, and soap dispensers.
- Clean and disinfect all fixtures, partitions, and sinks with EPA-registered disinfectant.



- Clean mirrors.
- Disinfect restroom door handles with EPA-registered disinfectant.

#### Library and Office Area Cleaning Protocols

- Sweep and scrub all hallways.
- Vacuum carpets.
- Empty trash and recycling containers.
- Clean and disinfect all entryway doors.
- Disinfect all stair railings, door handles, and other identifiable high-touch areas.
- Clean and disinfect all drinking fountains and water bottle refilling stations with EPA-registered disinfectant.